

## Message Text

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TAGS: PBOR MASS ET SO US  
SUBJECT: GUIDANCE ON HORN OF AFRICA

1. WIRELESS FILE 158 OF AUG 15, 1977, INCLUDES ITEM ENTITLED  
"STATE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE FOR POSSIBLE QUESTIONS ON HORN  
OF AFRICA," GUIDANCE WHICH WE HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY SEEN STATED  
EXACTLY AS PRESENTED. FOR EXAMPLE, IT CONTAINS FLAT STATEMENT  
THAT "THE UNITED STATES NO LONGER HAS A MILITARY SUPPLY RELA-  
TIONSHIP WITH ETHIOPIA" WHICH WE DO NOT REMEMBER SEEING BEFORE  
AS A PUBLIC STATEMENT, FOLLOWED BY STATEMENT THAT "WHILE WE  
HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO SUPPLY ARMS FOR THE DEFENSE OF  
SOMALIA'S EXISTING TERRITORY, WE HAVE NOT YET DONE SO YET AND  
WOULD NOT WISH TO DO SO AT A TIME OR IN A MANNER WHICH MIGHT  
CONTRIBUTE TO THE CONFLICT." THIS COMES CLOSE TO WHAT SECRE-  
TARY SAID ON JULY 29, BUT ALSO STRIKES US AS GOING SLIGHTLY  
BEYOND HIS COMMENTS. FINALLY IT MAKES REFERENCE TO  
"DIPLOMATIC INFLUENCE" WHICH IS NEWS TO US.

2. WHILE WE WOULD HAVE PREFERRED TO SEE GUIDANCE TRANS-  
MITTED TO US DIRECTLY BY TELEGRAM SINCE IT OF CONSIDERABLE  
IMPORTANCE HERE, WE NONETHELESS INTEND PROVIDE MOFA  
WITH COPY OF IT. BEFORE DOING SO, HOWEVER, WE WOULD  
APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION ASAP THAT GUIDANCE HAS IN FACT  
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BEEN CLEARED AND THAT DEPT ACCORDINGLY HAS NO OBJECTION  
TO OUR DOING SO. IF IT HAS ACTUALLY BEEN USED AS IT IS WRITTEN,  
WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING THAT AS WELL. WE RECOGNIZE,  
OF COURSE, THAT SOME OF IT HAS IN FACT BEEN SAID BY US  
PUBLICLY AND ALSO FORMED BASIS OF CHARGE'S COMMENTS TO  
FONMIN WHICH EVENTUALLY WERE REPORTED IN ETHIOPIAN PRESS  
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